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For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTION MATERIALS AND )  
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION METHOD )  
Group Art Unit: 2812 )  
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**I. SUBMITTED US PATENT/PUBLICATION REFERENCES**

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of Patent</u>
A1	4,554,033	US	November 19, 1985
A2	5,769,996	US	June 23, 1998
A3	5,371,327	US	December 6, 1994
A4	4,643,843	US	February 17, 1987

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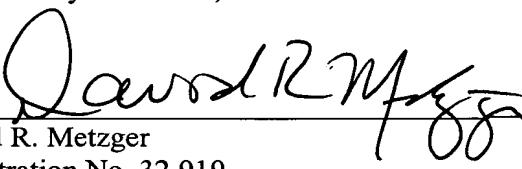
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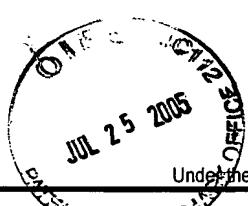
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	US-4,554,033	11-19-1985	Dery et al.	
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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